Probe into ONGC Deal

2473. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee on Public Undertakings (COPU) of Parliament has recommended a CBI probe into an ONGC deal in placing an order for its entire requirement of Pour Point Depressent (PPD) with a single firm in early 1980 resulting in an avoidable expenditure of Rs. 70.31 lakhs ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and also Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) The Committee on Public Undertakings in its 59th report on Oil and Natural Gas Commission—Extra expenditure of Rs. 70:31 lakhs on the purchase of pour point depressent presented to Lok Sabha and laid in Rajya Sabha on 20th July, 1989 has recommended (*vide* para No. 71) a thorough probe by CBI into the placement of order of Pour Point Depressent (PPD) on M/S. Chika Ltd. in April, 1982.

Follow up action on the report is taken up in hand.

Overcharging on Flucinolone Accetomide

2474. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY :
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Flucionolone Acetomide was covered under DPCO, 1979 ;

(b) if so, what were the prices fixed for Flucort, Flucort-C, Flucort-H and Flucort Skin Ointment in 5 gm packs and Flucort Skin lotion under Drugs Prices Control Order, 1979 ;

(c) what was the landed price of bulk drug taken while fixing the formulation prices ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the landed cost came down by Rs. 80,000 per kg. subsequently ;

(e) if so, what amount was worked out under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 for recovery ;

(f) whether his Ministry issued any notice for recovery ; and

(g) if so, when and what are the details of the notice and by when full amount due would be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) to (g) The required details to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

हिन्दुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कारपोरेशन के वरिष्ठ विक्रय अधिकारी के विरुद्ध शिकायतें

2475. श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को आगरा में तैनात हिन्दुस्तान पैट्रोलियम कारपोरेशन के वरिष्ठ विक्रय अधिकारी के विरुद्ध अपने पद का दुरुपयोग करने की शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) इस अधिकारी के विरुद्ध अपने पद का दुरुपयोग करने के संबंध में न तो सरकार को और न ही हिन्दुस्तान पैट्रोलियम कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड के प्रबंधकों को कोई शिकायत प्राप्त हुई है ।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Mixing of Gandhar Gas with South Basin Gas

2476. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to mix Gandhar Gas with South Basin gas and transport the same through HBJ Pipeline for processing the same outside Gujarat ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Gandhar gas is very rich in C2/C3 content and processing cost for the recovery of C2/C3 on the above gas mix will be more as compared with the processing of Gandhar gas alone ;

(d) whether it is a faot that some quantity of ethylene and propylene will be wasted if Gandhar and HBJ gases are mixed;

(e) whether it is a fact that extent of such wastage would be anything between Rs. 24 crores to Rs. 63 crores per annum; and

(f) if so, whether Government would reconsider its decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) to (f) At present no gas from Gandhar is being fed into the HBJ pipeline. The mode of utilisation of Gandhar gas in future would depend upon the various techno-economic parameters involved and, it would be utilised along with gas from other sources in such a manner as to optimise the use of gas.

Availability of Natural Gas in Gujarat

2477. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present availability of natural gas in the offshore of the Gujarat coast ; and

(b) what quantity of this gas is being supplied or committed to Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) There are a number of gas fields in Western Offshore regions. Of these the closest to the Gujarat Coast are the Tapti fields. These fields have so far not been developed.

Natural gas from Gandhar fields

2478. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA :
SHRI CHAIMANBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government has submitted a memorandum to the Central Government on use of gas from Gandhar fields, if so, what are the details thereof;